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LETTER DATED 2 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text, as received by fax, of an Appeal of the Melli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Azerbaijani Republic on 1 April 1993, concerning the ongoing aggression of the army of the Republic of Armenia into the Kelbajar region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this appeal as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Russian]

To the parliaments of the countries of the world, the European Parliament, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and the United Nations

Appeal from the Melli Mejlis (Parliament) of the Azerbaijani Republic

In recent days, Armenia's aggression against Azerbaijan, which was undertaken by the Armenian occupiers with a view to dismembering the territory of our sovereign State, Azerbaijan, has assumed an even broader scale. The armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, using armoured vehicles, have shelled the centre and surrounding villages of the Kelbajar district of Azerbaijan and have occupied 12 villages. There have been a number of deaths among the civilian population. The Armenian side is once again thirsting for blood with a view to creating yet another tragedy like that of Khojaly - genocide. At the present time, in Kelbajar and on the southern frontiers of that district, adjacent to Lachin, bloody battles are taking place. Despite the efforts of authoritative international organizations, the world community and peace-loving forces, Armenia is not only not ceasing its aggression, but, on the contrary, is committing terrible excesses, demolishing houses, schools and kindergartens and destroying the civilian population in order to wage war on an even broader scale. The continuation of the war with particular brutality once again shows that the conflict is spreading because of the lack of restraint of the aggressor. The leaders of Armenia are paying no heed to any authoritative international organizations, headed by the United Nations, or to any international legal instruments.

The Armenians are not ceasing their aggressive policy, despite the fact that the leaders of the Azerbaijani Republic have repeatedly declared to the whole world that they are ready to settle by peaceful means the predatory war being waged against Azerbaijan, which is now in its fifth year.

In appealing to the parliaments of the countries of the world, the Melli Mejlis of the Azerbaijani Republic wishes to inform them that the war being waged by Armenia against Azerbaijan has already entered a new phase - the phase of blatant occupation - and suggests that they should make their attitude towards the aggressor known.

The Melli Mejlis of the Azerbaijani Republic strongly urges the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to take effective measures to put a stop to the predatory war being waged by Armenia against Azerbaijan and immediately, in accordance with the rules of international law, to adopt sanctions against the Armenian aggression.

Baku, 1 April 1993